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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated November 17, 2003, the claims of Group I (claims 1-4 and 8), drawn to nucleic acids, vectors, host cells and recombinant methods to make the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, are elected for prosecution without traverse.

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Applicants hereby reserve the right to traverse the above restriction with respect to non-elected Groups II-VII in this or subsequent applications.

This paper is being filed timely as a request for a one month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith. No additional extensions of time are required. In the event any additional extensions of time are necessary, the undersigned hereby authorizes the requisite fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 501668.

Entry of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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